

REMARKS

1. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires restriction of the application to one of the following invention groups:

Group I: Claims 117, 118, 124 and 125, drawn to compounds containing at least two radical initiator; and

Group II: Claims 119-123, drawn to compounds having radical initiators bonded to polymer blocks, classified in class 502, subclass 159 inter alia depending of the particulars of the compound actually claimed.

Responsive to the restriction requirement, Applicants respectfully elect, without traverse, Group II, including claims 119-123, for further prosecution in the subject application. Applicants retain the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in the future.

2. Election of Species

The Examiner asserts that the Applicants are required to elect under 35 U.S.C. § 121 disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Responsive to this requirement, Applicants choose the macroinitiators comprising polymer blocks of Examples 274 (Polyvinyl acetate macroinitiator) and 282 (Poly(2-(2-bromoisobutyryloxy)ethyl acrylate), in that order.

2. Consideration of Previously withdrawn claims

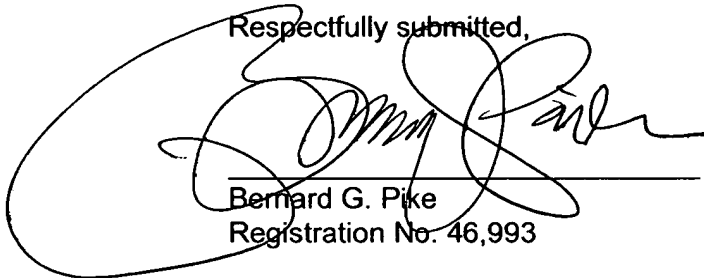
Applicants respectfully request that claims consideration of claims 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107 109, and 110 which are presently withdrawn from consideration. These claims should be considered to be members of Group II as defined by the Examiner because they comprise a polymer block. Applicants additionally request entry of the

amendments to the presently withdrawn claims indicated above.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have made a diligent effort to fully respond to the restriction and election requirement presented by the Examiner. Examination of the application's elected species, entry of amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicants' present response, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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